



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 134**

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**Hearing Date:** February 27, 2007

**Committee On:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**Introducer(s):** (Schimek)

**Title:** Require insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

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| 7 | Yes                 | Senators Pahls, Langemeier, Christensen, Gay, Hansen, Pankonin, Pirsch |
|   | No                  |  |
| 1 | Present, not voting | Senator Carlson  |
|   | Absent              |  |
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**Proponents:**

Senator DiAnna Schimek  
Dr. Alan Thorson

David Holmquist  
Lynne Anderson  
Carly Runestad

**Representing:**

Introducer  
American Cancer Society  
NE Medical Association  
American Cancer Society  
NE Nurses Association  
NE Hospital Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Mark Kolterman

**Representing:**

NE Assn. of Insurance & Financial Advisors

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 134 (Schimek, Hudkins, McDonald) would enact a new section to require that any individual or group health insurance policy or contract and any self-funded employee benefit plan not preempted by federal law shall include screening coverage for a colorectal cancer examination and laboratory tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic covered person fifty years of age and older. The bill would provide that such coverage shall include a maximum of one screening fecal occult blood test annually and a flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years, a

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colonoscopy every ten years, or a barium enema every five to ten years, or any combination, or the most reliable, medically recognized screening test available. The bill would provide that it does not prevent application of deductible or copayment provisions or require that such coverage be extended to any other procedures.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The committee amendments (AM571) would provide that the requirements of the bill apply to a “certificate” delivered, issued, or renewed in this state as well as a policy, contract, or employee benefit plan delivered, issued, or renewed in this state.

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**Senator Rich Pahls, Chairperson**